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Dear Mr Davis

Thank you for your letter of 25 May 2011.

I note your comments on the motion on a particular definition of antisemitism, due to be debated at our annual Congress.

Whatever the outcome of that debate, it does not affect the union's complete and implacable opposition to antisemitism itself. I am sure that Congress will want to make this absolutely clear.

The UCU has consistently expressed its abhorrence of antisemitism and will continue to do so.

UCU's predecessor unions, AUT and NATFHE, were among the first to endorse the recommendations of the Macpherson Report, particularly its definitions of racist incidents and of institutional racism. UCU has carried forward that position and I am very happy to take the opportunity to reiterate it now.

I note your observation that the Congress motion does not suggest an alternative definition of antisemitism. I would very much welcome the opportunity to meet you and your fellow signatories to discuss that point and to hear your views and advice, and indeed to discuss any other aspects of your letter that you may wish to raise.

I will arrange for my office to contact you to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely



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General Secretary